the Adikarnataka families at 5 acres each. List enclosed. (*Vide* Appendix).

(*b*) Each family should plant 1,000 plants per year for 10 years.

(*c*) (1) That the family will carry out, under the directions of the Forest Department, both planting and sowing in the forests adjoining the land given to it for cultivation;

(2) that it will fence, protect and tend the plants till they are well established;

(3) that the lands will be formally registered in the name of the family at the end of 10 years subject to their doing planting, etc., work referred to above to the satisfaction of the District Forest Officer;

(4) that kandayam will be payable from the 11th year onwards to the Forest Department;

(5) that the family should work for wages in the forests on departmental works during the non-cultivation season.

The scheme has been ordered to be tried tentatively in the Chitaldrug District where the people are said to be willing to take up lands on the above conditions. No lands have been granted under this scheme in other districts.

MR. RAMACHANDRA RAO SCINDIA (Minority Interest).—

Q.—58. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The definition of backward classes and depressed classes?

(*b*) The principles on which scholarships are awarded to these classes?

(*c*) The names of the communities that are now getting the backward class and the depressed class scholarships?

(*d*) The percentage of literacy among each of these communities?

(*e*) When this census was taken?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—58. (*a*) For the purpose of granting scholarships, such communities in which the total number of literates is less than 5 per cent of their population are treated as backward classes. The Adikarnataka, Adidravida, Hill Tribes, Korama, Mochies, Banjara, Animists and the Voddars are declared depressed classes.

(*b*) The total number of backward class scholarships available are first distributed between groups of communities on the basis of population of each group, and the scholarships so got for each group are re-allotted to each district or taluk, as the case may be, according to the number of pupils in that group for each district or taluk.

(*c*) A statement showing the names of backward and depressed classes in receipt of scholarships is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix.)

(*d*) and (*e*) The member's attention is invited to Table IX in Part II of the Census Report of 1921 which furnishes the number of literate persons and the total population of each community.

MR. P. MURUGESAM PILLAY (Special Interest).—

Q.—60. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) If they are aware that the workmen employed in the smelting and casting departments of Bhadravathi Iron Works suffer from defective eye-sight owing to constantly staring at glare of the molten metal in the discharge of their daily duty ?

(*b*) Whether some of them have become shortsighted and unable to do their work without the help of spectacles ?

(*c*) If the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what remedial meaures are being devised for preventing further sufferings of the workmen ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—60. (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Enquiries show that there have been no such cases.

MR. P. MURUGESAM PILLAY (Special Interest).—

Q.—61. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether they are aware that Type and 'Steno' matter casters and the compositors suffer from shortsightedness owing to their being subjected to see the glittering metal constantly in the discharge of their duties ?

(*b*) Whether they are aware that some of them are suffering from shortsightedness long before their time for retirement and resort to using spectacles purchased from their slender wages ?

(*c*) Whether the Government will be pleased to